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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT REMOVES FACIAL EGG ON VARLEY SALARY VOTE

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1. AS GOVERNMENT PROMISED, IT SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING EGG FROM ITS FACE AS RESULT OF ITS DEFEAT IN COMMONS FEB. 11 BY REINSTATING FULL SALARY FOR INDUSTRY SECRETARY VARLEY WITH GOVERNMENT MOTION FEBRUARY 17. GOVERNMENT MAJORITY WAS 16, WITH 296 VOTES TO 280.

2. CONSERVATIVES. HAVING MADE THEIR POINT LAST WEEK AS A RESULT OF A FLUKE AND A MISTAKE IN ORIGINAL DIVISION, CHOSE NOT TO PULL OUT ORATORICAL STOPS IN CONTESTING THE MOTION, BUT VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST THE MOTION.

3. COMMENT: CONSERVATIVE SUCCESS LAST WEEK FORCED GOVERNMENT TO PUT FORWARD MOTION FOR DEBATE REQUIRING ALLOCATION OF VALUABLE SCHEDULED TIME IN THE HOUSE. WHILE ACTUAL CUT IN VARLEY'S SALARY WAS NEVER REALLY ON, CONSERVATIVES FEEL EFFORT WAS WORTHWHILE IN GIVING THEM

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OPPORTUNITY TO FLEX OPPOSITIONAL MUSCLES AND EMBARRASS

GOVERNMENT. END COMMENT

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